

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS

TITLE 6. MASSAGE THERAPY

SUBTITLE 3. LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS.

Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 6-302 (2017)

§ 6-302. Qualifications.

(a) Qualifications for license. -- To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who:

- (1) Is of good moral character;
- (2) Is at least 18 years old;
- (3) Has satisfactorily completed:

(i) At least 60 credit hours of education at an institution of higher education, as defined in § 10-101 of the Education Article, and as approved by the Board and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, of which a minimum of 24 credit hours shall have been in basic and applied science courses related to health care; or

(ii) 1. At least 60 credit hours of education at an institution of higher education, as defined in § 10-101 of the Education Article, and as approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

2. 24 hours of advanced massage therapy continuing education as approved by the Board in basic and applied science courses related to health care;

(4) Has completed 600 hours of education in a Board approved program for the study of massage therapy that includes the following areas of content:

- (i) Anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology;
- (ii) Massage theory, techniques, and practice;
- (iii) Contraindications to massage therapy; and
- (iv) Professional ethics;

(5) Has passed an examination approved by the Board; and

(6) Submits to a criminal history records check in accordance with § 6-303 of this subtitle.

(b) Qualifications for registration. -- To qualify to be registered, an applicant shall be an individual who:

- (1) Is of good moral character;
- (2) Is at least 18 years old;

(3) Has completed 600 hours of education in a Board-approved program for the study of massage therapy that includes the following areas of content:

- (i) Anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology;
- (ii) Massage theory, techniques, and practice;
- (iii) Contraindications to massage therapy; and
- (iv) Professional ethics;

(4) Has passed an examination approved by the Board; and

(5) Submits to a criminal history records check in accordance with § 6-303 of this subtitle.

(c) Waiver; reciprocity. --

(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board may waive any requirement of this subtitle for an applicant who is licensed, certified, or registered to practice massage therapy in another state.

(2) The Board may grant a waiver under paragraph (1) of this subsection only if the applicant:

- (i) Pays the application fee set by the Board; and
- (ii) Provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

1. Has completed educational requirements that the Board determines to be equivalent to the Board-approved educational requirements in this State;

2. At the time the applicant became licensed, certified, or registered in the other state, passed in that state or any other state an examination that the Board determines to be equivalent to the examination required in this State; and

3. Is of good moral character.

HISTORY: 2016, ch. 739, § 3.
